

Reference to FCC WT Docket No.05-235

The proposal for the FCC to drop the Morse code requirement for Amateur radio operators to obtain additional HF spectrum I object to. People who are introduced to radio communications such as FRS or CB and want to advance to Amateur radio are welcome. I find many of those folks are interesting and bring to Amateur radio new ideas and thoughts. Over the past 47 years as Amateur radio operator as well as a commercial CW operator, I feel the FCC should keep the 5 wpm requirement. This is not a hardship for anyone and like the old saying, "if it is worth working for it is worth having". Too many of today's philosophies, people want to start at the top and want things handed to them rather than working for it. CW is an easy way of communicating and does not take complicated equipment. A person can set up a make shift QRP emergency station with a battery, key, and antenna and be on the air. The argument of "if I have to learn Morse I won't use it". Then what about being tested on the other modes of operation such as RTTY, SLOW SCAN, EME, SATELLITE, etc. if we don't expect to use those modes, then why do we have to be tested on them ? CW is the basic mode of communications and as Amateur radio operators we should have a working and skilled knowledge of the mode, otherwise we will just have an extended high powered citizen band. If people want to be an Amateur radio operator then learn the code.

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